

FAIRMONT LETTER

Predicting Bigger and Better Tobacco Market Than Ever Before—Younger Set Enjoys Porch Party at Home of Miss Edith Floyd—Personal Mention.

By Mrs. H. G. Inman.
Fairmont, Aug. 4.—The tobacco market will open Tuesday, August 10, and many people are predicting a bigger and better market than ever before, and according to government figures Fairmont average was more than any other market in this belt in North Carolina for the years 1924 and 1925. In 1925 the number of pounds was 10,254,363, which more than doubled that of 1924 and which was sold for \$1,875,522.99. The average of Fairmont was \$18.29. The average of the South Carolina towns of Dillon, Lake View and Mullins was \$15.84.

The same good corps of buyers who have come to Fairmont season after season will be here again this year. Fairmont has four big warehouses: People's operated by Chambers-Reeves; Robeson, by E. J. Davis and sons; the Fairmont, by Sharp, Nelson and Jones, and the New Farmers, which has just recently been completed will be operated by Joyce and Lovill, which gives Fairmont the biggest tobacco market in the world to the size of the town—a floor space sufficient to take care of 20 to 25 million pounds of tobacco per season. Two big foreign companies own re-drying and storage houses, three large domestic companies have added to their factory capacity, and one of the largest independent dealers in the world has added to the size of his

house. Miss Edith Floyd and Miss Martha Floyd were hostesses Tuesday night at a porch party to the members of the younger set at the home of the former on Iona street. Progressive conversation, games and music were enjoyed. The color scheme of green and white was used and was carried out in the refreshments, which consisted of an ice course. The favors were dainty green and white baskets filled with green and white mints.

Mrs. Eck Faulconer of Greensboro is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jones. She came up from Charleston, S. C., where her husband is in camp at Fort Moultrie. Mrs. Faulconer experienced the storm that raged on the South Atlantic coast and did much damage to coast towns.

Visitors at home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lancaster and son, Ralph Lamon, of Parkton; Mrs. Sandy McNeill and daughter, Miss Ethel, of Waculla; Mrs. J. B. Long and daughter, Misses Joyce and Racy, and son, Master Joffre, of Laurinburg; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Long and Roy Jr., of Winston Salem; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Freeman and baby, Kathleen, of Rutherford; Mr. W. M. Long of Chester, Pa.; Miss Clara Freeman of Biscoe and Miss Curtis Monroe of Fayetteville. This was a case of "great minds running in the same deep channel", for not one knew the other was going to Fairmont for the day. If they tried to see how the Johnsons lived they certainly found a plenty to eat and to spare.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett of Charlotte arrived Sunday night to visit their parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Pittman. Mr. Bennett left Monday

for a day with relatives in St. Paul before returning to Charlotte, while Mrs. Bennett will spend several weeks at home.

Miss Kitty McAllister returned Sunday from a visit of two weeks with friends and relatives in Mullins.

Mrs. Fannie Spivey and children and father, Mr. John Lewis, who is employed in Wilmington, spent the week-end with the family on Morrow avenue.

Mrs. George L. Grantham has returned from a two weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McPhaul in Charlotte and Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Grantham in Asheville.

Miss Annie McMillan spent Sunday in Mullins with her sister Mrs. John Jenkins. Miss Mildred Jenkins, niece of Miss McMillan, returned home with her to spend the week.

Prof. and Mrs. Percy H. Wilson and their little daughter, Miss Margaret, of Wake Forest, are visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wilson, and Mrs. Wilson's relatives at Orrum.

Mrs. John T. Purvis went Tuesday morning to Proctorville to be at the bedside of her sister-in-law, Mrs. H. Atkinson, who is critically ill with Bright's disease.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Floyd spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. Floyd's mother, Mrs. Thompson, in Maxton.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Ivey and Mrs. Drusia Inman of Albany, Ga., left Tuesday morning for their home after spending a week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thompson. Mr. Ivey and Mrs. Inman are sisters of Mrs. Thompson.

Mrs. Martha Grantham left last week for Asheville, where she will spend the remainder of the summer

with her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Grantham.

Messrs. Ernest Jones and Harry Davis were on the Georgia tobacco markets this week watching the opening sales there.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stone and little son, Master Lindell, spent several days in Wilmington as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lashley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison of Binghamton spent the week-end with Mrs. Morrison's mother, Mrs. M. A. Taylor, and with other relatives.

Mrs. E. C. Cox and little son, James, spent several days last week with Mr. Cox in Marion, who is chief of police of that place, and where they will move in a short time.

Little Miss Louise McMillan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMillan of McDonald, is visiting her little cousin, Robbie Lou Stubbs, in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stubbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pittman spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Pittman's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Stephens, near Dillon.

EVANGELIST AND CHOIR SINGER SLAIN AS THEY SANG

Assassin Fired Through Window As Opening Hymn of Revival Services Was Being Sung.

Morgantown, Ky., Aug. 3.—(A.P.)—An evangelist and a choir singer are dead, slain as they sang the opening hymn at revival services, by an unidentified assassin who fired through the window of the county school house where the meeting was in progress.

Rev. W. A. Moss, 32, toppled from his pulpit, dead, and Mrs. Jerome Robinson, 30, died two hours after the shooting last night at the Early school, 12 miles from here. J. D. Young, 70, suffered a slight scalp wound and others in the meeting narrowly escaped. Mrs. Mrs. Robinson's four children saw their mother fall.

One man was under arrest tonight and Sheriff Luther Tuck, of Eastler county, was at the head of a posse searching for another.

Clifford Wilson, 30, a fugitive since his escape from jail here a year ago, was arrested at his home on the statement of a 14-year-old girl that he had fired the shot. The girl fainting when the firing began and she was unable to give additional details. Wilson, who was wanted on a boot-legging charge, denied the shooting. The slaying created such excitement among the persons in the audience that none was able to say how many shots were fired.

County officials laid the trouble to moonshiners, whose ire the evangelist had aroused by his campaign against illicit whiskey and his activity in aiding enforcement officers. It was learned today that the meeting was disturbed Sunday night by rowdism on the outside. Two men dispersed the troublemakers, some of whom were said to have threatened to "come back and clean out the whole crowd."

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Read The Facts and Figures Given Herein.

That FAIRMONT North Carolina leads every Tobacco Market in this Belt in averages, is a strong statement, but nevertheless an indisputable fact.

Every Tobacco Warehouse doing business in North Carolina and in South Carolina is required by law to render monthly to the Government, under oath, a statement of tobacco sold at his Warehouse for each month during the season. Below are the figures compiled, for the markets mentioned for the past two years. Remember that these are Government figures.

FOR THE YEAR 1924 NORTH CAROLINA MARKETS IN THIS BELT:

Market	Pounds	Average	Dollars brought
Clarkton	477,152	\$14.58	\$ 69,568.76
Chadbourne	886,496	\$16.74	\$ 148,399.43
Fair Bluff	1,386,035	\$15.80	\$ 219,793.53
Whiteville	3,304,706	\$17.15	\$ 566,757.07
Lumberton	2,009,520	\$16.00	\$ 321,527.20
Rowland	320,654	\$13.63	\$ 43,705.14
Total	8,384,563	\$16.33	\$1,369,751.13
FAIRMONT	5,008,010	\$17.80	\$ 891,425.78

FOR THE YEAR 1925 NORTH CAROLINA MARKETS IN THIS BELT:

Market	Pounds	Average	Dollars brought
Clarkton	899,042	\$15.09	\$ 135,665.43
Chadbourne	1,057,739	\$15.00	\$ 158,660.80
Fair Bluff	1,324,294	\$15.31	\$ 202,749.41
Whiteville	5,772,856	\$17.42	\$1,005,631.51
Lumberton	4,336,399	\$16.27	\$ 705,532.09
Tabor	787,363	\$16.65	\$ 131,095.93
Total	14,177,693	\$16.50	\$2,339,335.17
FAIRMONT	10,254,363	\$18.29	\$1,875,522.99

RECAPITULATION

FAIRMONT'S AVERAGE IN 1924	\$17.80
Average of the 6 markets named	\$16.33
Difference in favor of Fairmont	\$ 1.47 per 100 lbs.
FAIRMONT'S AVERAGE IN 1925	\$18.29
Average of the 6 markets named	\$16.50
Difference in favor of Fairmont	\$ 1.79 per 100 lbs.

Thus it will be seen that in 1924 Fairmont's average was \$1.47 per hundred pounds, which is \$14.70 per 1,000 pounds higher than the combined average of all the other Border Markets, and the past season (1925) \$17.90 PER 1,000 POUNDS HIGHER THAN THE COMBINED AVERAGE OF THE MARKETS CITED.

Farmers therefore living in the sections referred to, who did not sell their tobacco on the Fairmont Market, it appears lost by not so doing the sum of \$123,253.07 in 1924 and the sum of \$253,780.70 in 1925: a total of THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS AND SOME ODD CENTS IN THE TWO YEARS.

MR. FARMER, JUST THINK OF THIS !! You worked awful hard to raise your crop of tobacco. **REMEMBER, FAIRMONT.**

You will also note that in 1925 Fairmont's gain in pounds over 1924 was over FIVE MILLION. This shows that the farmers realize what a good market Fairmont has.

NOW LET'S COMPARE A LITTLE WITH SOUTH CAROLINA MARKETS NEAR FAIRMONT.

The South Carolina Agricultural Commissioner gives the following Official Averages:

IN THE YEAR 1924:	IN THE YEAR 1925:		
Dillon's average	\$16.02	Dillon's average	\$16.45
Lake View	\$17.12	Lake View	\$13.54
Mullins	\$15.64	Mullins	\$16.33

As in 1924 the 3 markets mentioned sold a total of 11,281,304 lbs. which brought \$1,786,331.27; the average as a whole on the three was \$15.84 a hundred pounds.

FAIRMONT'S AVERAGE IN 1924 was \$17.80 a hundred pounds.

As in 1925 the three markets mentioned, combined, sold a total of 18,329,937 pounds for \$2,949,788.36; the average as a whole was \$16.10 a hundred pounds.

FAIRMONT'S AVERAGE IN 1925 WAS \$18.29.

WAS THIS DIFFERENCE OF \$2.04 A HUNDRED OR \$20.40 A THOUSAND IN 1924, AND \$2.19 A HUNDRED OR \$21.90 A THOUSAND, IN 1925 WORTH SAVING? IF YOU THINK IT WAS WORTH SAVING, REMEMBER FAIRMONT THIS COMING SEASON OF 1926.

The same good corps of strong Buyers who have been coming to FAIRMONT for years, will be there again this season; and we look for good prices.

FOUR LARGE SALES HOUSES THIS SEASON.

The same good Warehousemen, Messrs. Chambers Reeves & Co., and Messrs. E. J. Davis and Sons who have been in Fairmont for years, will operate again their respective houses, viz., "The Peoples" and "The Robeson." In addition to this, two other good Warehouses will be operated, "The Fairmont" by Messrs. Sharpe, Jones & Nelson, and "The New Farmers"—built this year—which is owned and will be operated by Messrs. Lovill & Joyce, thus giving Fairmont (THE BIGGEST TOBACCO MARKET in the WORLD to the size of the town) Four Mammoth, well equipped sales warehouses to take care of its ever increasing trade, and making a floor selling space sufficient to take care of from 20 to 25 Million pounds of tobacco per season.

FACTORIES ALSO INCREASING CAPACITY.

The two (2) Big Foreign Companies who operate in Fairmont, both own their Re-Drying and Storage Houses, respectively. Three of the large Domestic Companies operating in Fairmont have added to their factories capacity and one of the largest Independent Dealers in the world has also added to the size of his house.

DOUBLE SALES AS HERETOFORE.

Remember when you get a load of tobacco ready for Market, that no market beats Fairmont.

Season 1926 **FAIRMONT TOBACCO MARKET, FAIRMONT, N. C.**